

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 4,000 live births each year and in 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

**WHEREAS**, between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a Pediatric Stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

**WHEREAS**, the life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

**WHEREAS**, very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of Pediatric Stroke; Pediatric Stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for Pediatric Stroke be identified and developed; and

**WHEREAS**, an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May, 2016 as

**PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont and urge all citizens to join me in supporting the efforts, programs, services, and advocacy the Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association provides as they strive to enhance public awareness of Pediatric Stroke.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13th day of April, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Shumlin", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin  
Governor